

Unit 5 – Benefits of Public Libraries

When we answer exam writing questions, it is often important to try to keep in mind an American or British perspective on the subject. This one is a prime example of that.

According to the video, what proportion of U.S. households lack internet access at home?

- A. One in five
- B. One in three
- C. One in ten
- D. One in two

The video highlights a library in which U.S. state as an example?

- A. Oregon
- B. Alaska
- C. Michigan
- D. Colorado

What main service are libraries providing to bridge the digital divide?

- A. Free meals
- B. Free internet and computer access
- C. Online shopping guides
- D. Paid technology courses

Which Gates Foundation initiative is mentioned in relation to libraries?

- A. "Connected Readers"
- B. "Staying Connected" grants
- C. "Library of Tomorrow"
- D. "Reading for All" campaign

What impact did internet access in libraries have on rural or low-income users in the video?

- A. They avoided public libraries
- B. They could pursue online learning and essential services
- C. They started publishing books
- D. They closed their home internet subscriptions

The video suggests libraries help users to:

- A. Get free physical books only
- B. Complete government forms, homework, job search
- C. Pay their taxes online
- D. Write books

One key point is that libraries:

- A. Charge a small fee for internet use
- B. Serve as community hubs and lifelines in low-access areas
- C. Only support children and teens
- D. Are being phased out in favor of online services

What overall tone does the video have regarding the role of libraries?

- A. Neutral and factual
- B. Critical of libraries
- C. Celebratory and supportive
- D. Skeptical of digital initiatives